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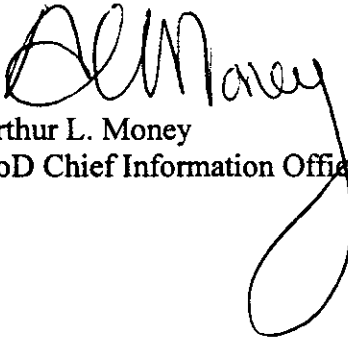**WASHINGTON, DC 20301-6000**

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SUBJECT: Use of the Ada Computer Programming Language

In response to a number of questions raised over the use of the Ada computer programming language, this memorandum reiterates the Department of Defense (DoD) policy. The Ada programming language is no longer mandatory and, therefore, waivers are not required. This policy applies to all acquisition categories, regardless of cost or special interest, and to the Department's internal computer software development activities.

The guidance for the selection of Ada or any other programming language is reflected in DoD 5000.2-R, "Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPS) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs," paragraph 4.3.5, subparagraph 3. This guidance states that the selection of a programming language should be made in the context of the systems and software engineering factors that influence the overall life-cycle costs, risks, and potential, for interoperability and refers to the attached ASD(C3I) memorandum, "Use of the Ada Programming Language," April 29, 1997. For reference, DoD 5000.2-R can be found at http://web7.whs.osd.mil/html/50002r.htm. The DoD CIO point of contact for this matter is Mr. Ron Torezan and can be reached at e-mail: ron.torezan@osd.pentagon.mil, or (703)-604-1592.

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